

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION  
OF ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT (ARTICLE 34):**

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## Claims

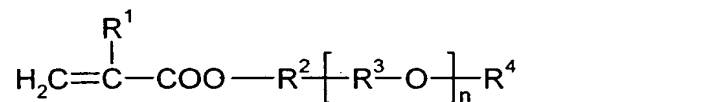
1. The use of copolymers comprising alkylene oxide units and comprising, in randomly or blockwise copolymerized form,

(a) 50 to 93 mol% of acrylic acid and/or a water-soluble salt of acrylic acid,

(b) 5 to 30 mol% of methacrylic acid and/or a water-soluble salt of methacrylic acid

and

(c) 2 to 20 mol% of at least one nonionic monomer of the formula I



in which the variables have the following meanings:

$\text{R}^1$  is hydrogen or methyl;

$\text{R}^2$  is a chemical bond or unbranched or branched  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$ -alkylene;

$\text{R}^3$  is identical or different unbranched or branched  $\text{C}_2$ - $\text{C}_4$ -alkylene radicals;

$\text{R}^4$  is unbranched or branched  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$ -alkyl;

$n$  is 3 to 50,

as deposit-inhibiting additives in rinse aids for dishwashers.

2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the copolymers comprise 65 to 85 mol% of component (a), 10 to 25 mol% of component (b) and 5 to 15 mol% of component (c) in copolymerized form.

3. The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the copolymers comprise 65 to 75 mol% of component (a), 15 to 25 mol% of component (b) and 5 to 10 mol% of component (c) in copolymerized form.

4. The use according to claims 1 to 3, wherein the copolymers comprise, as component (c), a nonionic monomer of the formula I, in which  $\text{R}^1$  is methyl,  $\text{R}^2$  is a chemical bond,  $\text{R}^3$  is  $\text{C}_2$ - $\text{C}_3$ -alkylene,  $\text{R}^4$  is  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_2$ -alkyl and  $n$  is 5 to 40, in copolymerized form.

5. The use according to claims 1 to 4, wherein the copolymers comprise, as component (c), a nonionic monomer of the formula I, in which  $R^1$  is methyl,  $R^2$  is a chemical bond,  $R^3$  is ethylene,  $R^4$  is methyl and  $n$  is 10 to 30, in copolymerized form.
6. The use according to claims 1 to 5, wherein the copolymers comprise  $-\text{SO}_3^- \text{Na}^+$  and/or  $-\text{SO}_4^- \text{Na}^+$  as end groups.
7. A rinse aid for dishwashers which comprises copolymers according to claims 1 to 6 as deposit-inhibiting additive.